pers for India and have been in regular publication for atleast one year. Earlier a newspaper became entitled to newsprint from day one, even before it was registered with the RNI

2. Bi-weeklies and tri-weeklies will not be eligible for Glazed newsprint. The minimum regularity norm for them is now 90 per cent as in the case of dailies hitherto. Earlier their regularity norms were the same as prescribed for periodicals.

3. Unlike in the past, the consumption of WPP or any other paper consumed by the newspapers outside the RNI allocation will not be taken into account while determining the entitlement of a newspaper for the allocation of newsprint for the year 1991-92.

4. The newspaper establishments have already been allowed to lift their indigenous quota of newsprint from any scheduled mill (s) of their choice, w.e.f. 1.4.1991.

5. To the newspapers with annual entitlement of more than 200 MT indigenous newsprint will be allocated on *half yearly basis while imported newsprint will be released quarterly. Earlier, indigenous newsprint was also* allocated on quarterly basis to this category of newspapers.

Training of J & K and Sikh Militants

582. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:
SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

Will the Minister of HOME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kashmir and Sikh Militants so far trained in the training camps in Pakistan;

(b) the number of them that have so far returned to India and how many are still in Pakistan or Pak-occupied Kashmir; and

(c) whether the matter relating to training of militants in Kashmir was discussed during the recent visit of India's Foreign Secretary to Islamabad, if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). As per the available information over, 20,000 Kashmir and Sikh terrorists have been trained by Pakistan, though all of them may not be active. It is estimated that over 4000 trained terrorists are still waiting to cross the border from Pakistan.

(c) Yes Sir, Despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, the Government of Pakistan continues to claim that it is not supporting terrorism and subversion in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir.

Development Corporation for CFCs

583. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Development Corporation for Other Backward Classes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARS (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The Government of India have decided to set up a National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation with an authorised capital

of Rs. 200 crores to be registered as a company under the Companies Act, 1956.

(b) Its objectives are reproduced below:-

i) to promote economic and developmental activities for the benefit of Backward Classes;

ii) to assist, subject to such income and/or economic criteria as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time, individuals or groups of individuals belonging to Backward Classes by way of loans and advances for economically and financially viable schemes and projects.

iii) to promote self-employment and other ventures for the benefit of Backward Classes;

iv) to grant concessional finances in selected cases for persons belonging to Backward Classes below the poverty line in the country in collaboration with the Government/Ministries/Departments at the National and State level to the extent of the budgetary assistance granted by the government of India to the Company;

v) to extend loans for pursuing general/professional/technical education or training at graduate and higher levels;

vi) to assist in the upgradation of technical and enter entrepreneurial skills of Backward Classes for proper and efficient management of production units;

vii) to assist the State level organisations to deal with the development of backward classes by way of providing financial assistance and in obtaining commercial funding by way of refinancing;

viii) to work as an apex institution for coordination and monitoring the work of all Corporations/Boards set up by the State Government/UT Administrations for SC/ST, Backward Classes and Minorities in so far as it relates to the economic development of the backward classes.

ix) to help in furthering the Government policies and programmes for the development of the backward classes.

Fake Passports

584. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AAFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons apprehended for sending persons abroad through fake passports during 19989-90 and 1990-91.

(b) the quantity and types of articles/ goods seized from them; and

(c) the action taken against the quality persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes is the responsibility of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. They are